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**PLACE ACQUIRED****THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION****TABLES OF ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT**

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**Organizational Charts**

The charts and notes on pages 5 and 6 represent the organizational and command structure of the 42d Red Banner BG Det

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The charts and notes on pages 7 and 8 represent the organizational structure of the 3d BG Zastava of the 42d BG Det

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The organization of the unit could thus be fairly accurately reconstructed, and the actual organization of the 3d BG Zastava should not be appreciably at variance with that shown on the chart. Whenever question marks are placed on the chart, they indicate that the organization is uncertain.

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[redacted] all information as given on pages 5 and 6, 7, and 8 reflects the actual strengths of personnel [redacted] and not theoretical T/O&E strengths.

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In March 1954, the Instructions for Border Guard Patrol Duty (instruktsiya natsionallya sluzhby pogranichnikh naryadov) were amended.

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Weapons

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Both the CO and the Political Officer of [redacted] the 3d BG Zastava, told their troops that new individual weapons were being issued to army units. These weapons were reputed to have greater loading capacity and could be disassembled with greater ease and without the help of any tools whatsoever. The officers added, however, that border guard troops would not be issued such new weapons because they did not need them for border guard duty and because of the danger of their becoming lost and falling into the enemy's hands along the border.

a. Individual Weapons

- (1) Pistol, 7.62-mm, Tokarev, TT-1933 [redacted]

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- (2) SMG, 7.62-mm, PPSH - The SMGs were issued to all border guard troops [redacted] who were not issued carbines.

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Those soldiers who went on patrol with this weapon were issued two magazines with 71 rounds each.

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- (3) Carbine, 7.62-mm, M1944 - These carbines were issued to all border guard troops [redacted] who were not issued the SMGs, i.e., to slightly more than half.

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[redacted] additional carbines and SMGs were stored in the first sergeant's supply room [redacted]

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[redacted] all border guard troops going on patrol with these carbines received 60 rounds. About May 1954, in line with amended border guard regulations (see paragraph 3 above), the issue was reduced to 30 rounds.

- (4) Hand Grenades, RG-42, Offensive - Until about May 1954 two of these grenades were issued to border guard troops [redacted]

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[redacted] prior to their going on patrol. After that, in line with the previously mentioned amended border guard regulations, hand grenades were no longer issued to border guard troops [redacted]

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b. Crew-Served Weapons

- (1) LMG, 7.62-mm, DP "Degtyarev" - [redacted] With each of these LMGs was issued one box containing three magazines with 47 rounds each.

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(2) HMG, 7.62-mm, M1910, "Maxim" [REDACTED]

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Vehicles

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5. [REDACTED]  
 Komendatura (the 1st) had about ten GAZ-51 trucks and five GAZ-67 jeeps and [REDACTED] Border Guard Det (the 42d) had all together about 15 GAZ-51 and GAZ-63 trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] referred to the GAZ-67 jeeps as "Willys". [REDACTED]

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Other Weapons and Equipment

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6. [REDACTED] gas mask, helmet, Sh M-1. It was issued to all members [REDACTED] but kept in the barracks and only very rarely used during training.

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KOMSOMOL ORGANIZATION IN THE 42D BG DET AND ITS SUBORDINATE UNITS 2General

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The 42d BG Det Level

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8. At the 42d BG Det Basic Training Group there was a senior lieutenant who apparently held no other duty beyond that of Secretary of the Komsomol Organization. He was known as the Komsorg, or Komsomol organizer. He presided over Komsomol meetings, which were held about three times a month. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He collected monthly Komsomol dues and receipted them by signing the members' membership book in the appropriate column. At the first meeting of the Komsomol members [REDACTED] one of the border guard trainees was elected as assistant to the senior lieutenant of the training group. The former would then also collect dues, sign for them, and assist at meetings. The meetings were intended to raise the soldiers' morale, improve their military bearing and performance, and point out any defects or short-comings.

The 1st Komendatura Level

9. At the 1st Komendatura the Komsorg was a lieutenant. He visited the various zastavy.

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The 3d Zastava Level

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A PFC conscript of the class of 1931 held the position of Komsorg, although this did not exempt him from any border guard duty, training, or details. He was a model border guard soldier, wore the sharp-shooter's medal (otlichnyy strelok) and had

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been granted two 10-day leaves exclusive of travel time for outstanding border guard service. He would conduct Komsomol meetings at the zastava, collect the monthly dues, and sometimes read political lectures substituting for the Zastava Political Officer.

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Explanatory Notes: (See Chart page 6 ).

1. [redacted] the BG personnel stationed at the 42d BG Det comprised about 100 officers and about 300 EM. [redacted]
2. [redacted] the training group was formed every fall for the purpose of giving basic training to new incoming BG recruits and that it was disbanded after completion of basic training. about February. [redacted]

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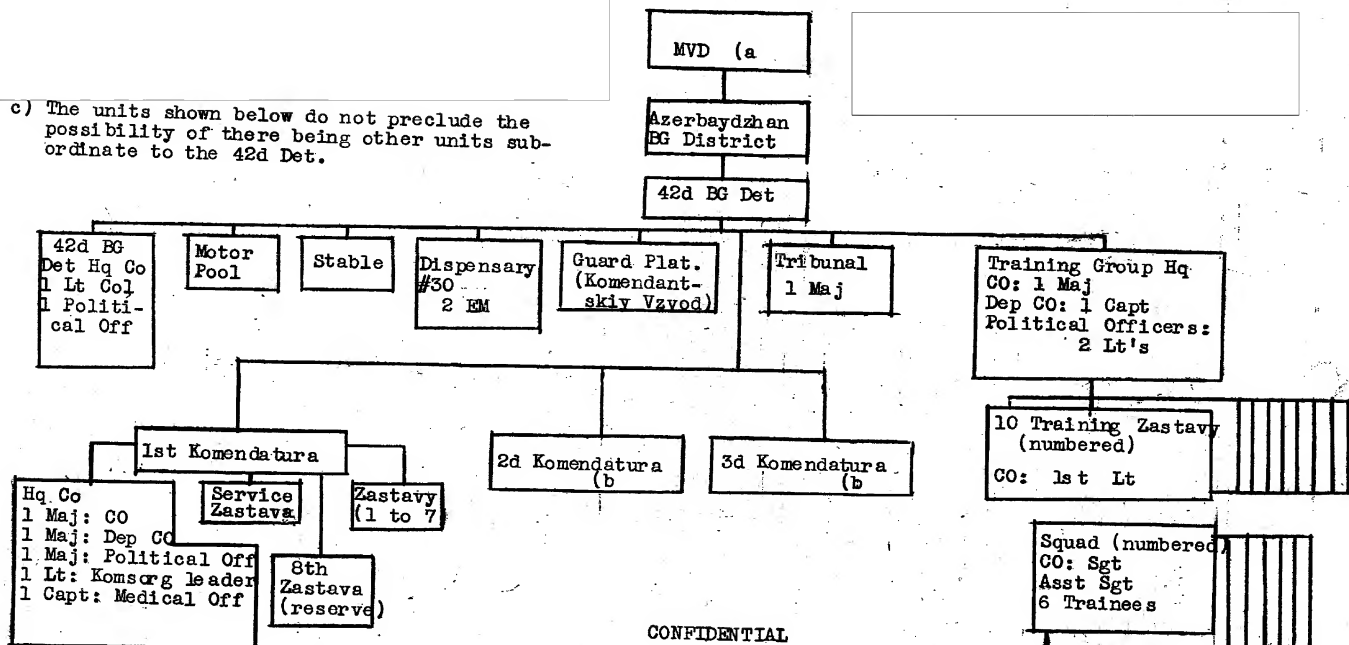
Organizational and Command Structure of the 42d  
"Red Banner" BG Det (c)

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c) The units shown below do not preclude the possibility of there being other units subordinate to the 42d Det.



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Explanatory Notes: (See chart page 8 )

1. The First Sergeant was an Acting First Sergeant and held the grade of Sergeant.

2. One BG private was a communications soldier [redacted]

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3. In the 2d LMG squad [redacted]

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[redacted] there should, in theory, have been three light machinegunners and three assistant light machinegunners. Inasmuch as there were only five soldiers assigned to this squad, the latter was short one assistant light machinegunner. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] only one or two members [redacted] were ever free during any 24-hour period when they were not asleep. This meant that over 95% of the zastavy personnel was continuously on duty.

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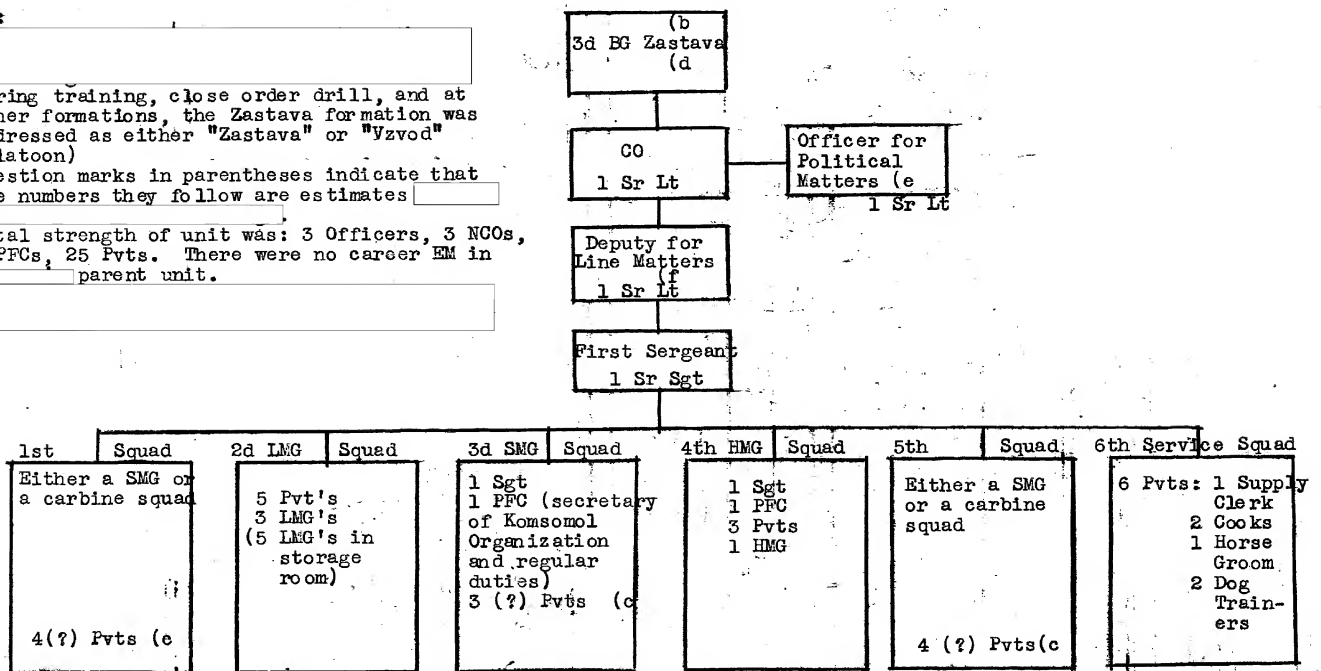
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Organizational Chart of the 3d BG Zastava of the 42d BG Detachment (a

Notes:

- b) During training, close order drill, and at other formations, the Zastava formation was addressed as either "Zastava" or "Vzvod" (Platoon)
- c) Question marks in parentheses indicate that the numbers they follow are estimates
- d) Total strength of unit was: 3 Officers, 3 NCOs, 2 PFCs, 25 Pvts. There were no career EM in parent unit.



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